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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter **February 2021**

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard! We would like to thank everyone working on the Virtual Founding Revel this year! Numerous activities are planned by our Amazing event team, there will be an arts and sciences competition, a fashion show, a showcase of different videos for your viewing pleasure, and the history of Stromgard. We thank every person who contributed to the discussions and provided photos.

We are fortunate that this Barony has so many talented, dedicated and hardworking people, we look forward to seeing the results of your efforts at Founding Revel.

Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Stromgard

Duncan, Baron
Moira, Baroness



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Officers Reports

Seneschal : Ronan present—Written report

Greetings to their Excellency's, Baron and Baroness and populace of Stromgard,
Here is my February Seneschal Report.

Shortly after the last meeting, our Herald informed us of he had to step down. I wish Rezin the very best in his endevours. Thus we began a search for a new herald, after a few inquiries a candidate has come forth. More regarding this later in New Business.
When it rains it pours, Patty has also informed us she needs to step down as Chronicler but has given us time to find her replacement. If you are interested in the Chronicler position please speak with Their Excellencies or myself.
I completed year end reports and submitted to Kingdom on time. Though the number of Baronial members has decreased recently I do anticipate membership increasing to historical levels once events can take place.

Stay Safe, Yours in Service,
Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

Exchequer: Everild present. Written report.

The bank reconciliation is in the files section of the website
Nothing to Report

Respectfully Submitted,
Everild Bayte
Stromgard Baronial Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander present, Verbal report

Greetings to the Baron and Baroness, and the population of Stromgard. I am hoping to have the first pass of the inventory completed next month.

YIS
Alexander

Arts and Science: Hevli present, written report

Herald: Yin Yun present, written report

Nothing to report

Yours in service.
Yin Yun 陰雲

Scribe: Tatiana absent.

Nothing to Report

Chatelaine: Dagmar absent ,

Nothing to report

Family Activities: Office open

Chronicler: Ragna present, written report

Greetings to the barony and the populace. Due to mundane challenges of many kinds I'm way behind in getting the Siren uploaded but I am taking steps to get that remedied. I did want to make the populace aware that my tenure is ending in June and if anyone is interested in becoming the Chronicler please feel free to contact me on the book of faces or at Stromgard.chronicler@antir.org

YIS
Ragna In Valska

Social Media: Penelope present, Verbal Report

Nothing to Report

Demo Coordinator Dagmar absent

Nothing to report

Gold Key: Kata absent ,

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Helvi present, written report
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Knight Marshal: Elrin, absent — written report. fight practice report provided by Duncan

Nothing to report

Rapier Marshal: Chris present—verbal report

Nothing to report.

Archery Marshal: Feradach absent—written report.

Nothing to report

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias absent,

Nothing to report

Cut and Thrust Refskegg absent—

Nothing to report
Refskegg

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Seargentry Constance & fenris absent

Nothing to report

Lists Rostislav absent ,

Nothing to report





Event Reports

New Years Eve Celebration

We had about 20 people attend. I kind of gave up counting at some point. It was delightful to see all of your faces and realize how much I miss getting together.

D&D was popular, so was general chatting. Some activity in the Heavy Fighting room, Trivia game, Thanks to Leo for the awesome Karaoke room we were all too chicken to sing in.

I learned a lot about the mechanics of Zoom and can now confidently provide support for any online event with Breakout Rooms, etc. Or to set you up for a class, for those who are shy or less enthusiastic about embracing technology - you teach, I'll do the tech - open offer. From a social standpoint, I also learned:

1. Next time, keep the main room only for transfers & welcome (socialize elsewhere).
2. Make breakout rooms on the fly, to be more flexible to who comes and what they want.
3. We can do lots more stuff than just chat in there, but generally have not taken advantage of it.

Games *might* be a neat activity to schedule after Council for the general populace? I ask for a vote first, and then, if any one would like to select and run a game of some sort, I can help with the technical aspect if needed.

Yours in Service,

Helvi av Gotland (aka Helvi the Half-Deaf

Baroness says Helvi took a very basic "hey what do you think of this" and created spaces for different activities and went above and beyond. Many Kudos.

Founding Revel

Baron proposed the date to be set for February 27th for a virtual event. Baroness states reasoning is to allow people time to put their Arts and Sciences pieces together and allow the Masters and Apprentices to create a good organization and bond better.

Unanimously approved by council.

Discussion was had about if Dagmar still wanted to steward the event. And that time needs to be determined in the future dependent on some of the critical members opinions.

The Baron and Baroness need assistance with people painting the award scrolls that Helvi created. The Artwork and Caligraphy is already complete but painting of the artwork is needed. If you know anyone or want to assist please contact the Baron and Baroness.

Ithrapalooza

Nothing to report

Stormgod 2021

Nothing to report

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

Kindgom Seneschal wanted to advise the Kingdom Chronicler position opened up rather suddenly. If anyone is willing to take up the position and find the deputies to put together a team please contact the Kingdom Seneschal with your letter of intents.

Announcements

No Announcements were made

Attendance

Duncan Vitrarius, Moira Ramsay, Ron, an Mac An Leagha, Helvi, Ragna In Valska, Yin Yun, Everild, Alexander Son of Gray, Penelope, Chris Perkins, Attia Prima

Some things our community and others are doing online in these difficult times

Here are some links to different online activities and challenges being offered while we are social distancing and keeping everyone safe

An Tir Video Challenge

Artisans and Scientists of An Tir! We need your classes and demos for the An Tir YouTube Channel!! Rules: 1. No obscenity. 2. No denigrating remarks about yourself or anyone else. 3. The topic must be appropriate for the SCA. If it is something you would teach or demonstrate at an event or SCA social, it's a good topic

For more information go to https://www.antir.org/announcements/an-tir-video-challenge/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=an-tir-video-challenge&fbclid=IwAR0B2q3XGiwIbI9toHeOSylrCNvOsXOHkEZAhadEB7XFkYVGqwrh42YkQag

To see the videos go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZCIWw0_tJk&fbclid=IwAR1w_fvhL1WU6U81X0D6Tsa_g4SeNsp2MA9VYERSdRxkrRm0hfpmqVxNbrY

Virtual An Tir

Virtual An Tir Facebook Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/VirtualAnTir/

Resources during Coronavirus isolation

The Coronavirus is going to be with us for a while and since we're practicing social distancing for all the right reasons, here are some resources for eating, staying entertained and some ways to hang on to some zen. **Everything listed is a free resource unless specifically listed otherwise.**
https://quirkylenses.com/2020/03/16/isolation-entertainment-and-some-practical-matters/

JSTOR

During this time of distancing JSTOR has opened it site to everyone who wishes to do research instead of only college students. This is an academic library of academic journals, books and primary sources. A rich source of information. https://www.jstor.org/

Awards of The Barony of Stromgard

Orders and Honors

Potissimus Hippocampus
(Stromgard's highest Honor)
Awarded for extraordinary service to the Barony, continued involvement, encouraging others in their pursuits, epitomizing the aims of the society, and being the ideal to which all should strive. This is also a polling order of the group.
Granted a maximum of once per year.
The badge for this honor is: (Fieldless) A seahorse within and conjoined to an annulet engrailed on the inner edge argent.

Noble Company of the Swan
The Noble Company of The Swan recognizes those individuals who show true courtesy and grace in their everyday actions and behavior. This award is given in consultation with the members of the company.

Ullr of Lore
The Ullr of Lore recognizes those individuals who show excellence in persona development.

Eldhus
The Eldhus recognizes those individuals whom maintain a period encampment.
The token is traditionally a carved stone.

Service

The Order of the Bell and Chain
The entry level service award for the Barony.
The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A chain in chevron inverted conjoined in pale with a hawk's bell Or.

Ordo Famuli
Granted to those who show outstanding service to the Barony over many years. A higher award than the Bell and Chain.
The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A pair of hands appaumy wrists outwards maintaining between them a roundel argent.

The Stromgard Sand Dollar
Granted to citizens aged 13 – 18
who show maturity beyond their years and show continued exemplary service to Stromgard.
The badge of this award is a silver sand dollar pendant representing the future wealth of the Barony.

The Silver Sea Star
Granted to those gentles residing outside of the boundaries of Stromgard who have consistently helped Stromgard.
The badge of this award is: (Fieldless) An estoile within and conjoined to an annulet engrailed on the inner edge argent.

The Order of the Silver Sea Urchin
Granted to citizens under 12 years of age
that serve the Barony.
The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A sea urchin contourny argent.

The O'brich
Granted to those individuals who overcome or solve the biggest problem at an event.
The badge is traditionally a heavy silver-colored chain.

Arts & Sciences

Amicus Musarum
Granted to those that encourage involvement in and personally excel in the arts and sciences.
The badge of this award is: (Fieldless) A gem ring argent gemmed gules.

Favors of the Coronet

Honor of the Seamar -
(The Baroness' Favor)
The badge of this award is: (Fieldless)
A quatrefoil saltirewise slipped Or.

Baron's Favor
A token as chosen by the granting Baron.

The Bunchberry
Awarded at the discretion of the Coronet to those who foster a sense of community within and outside Stromgard

Dragon's Gate
Awarded at the discretion of the Coronet to those who, in the eyes of the Coronet, have transformed in some way.
Principal of this recognition is Erik Daegarsson.

Shield Bearers of Stromgard
Given to those individuals that have aided the Barony in times of war
Principal of this recognition is Susanna Herst

If you know someone who is deserving of any of these recognitions, contact the Baron and Baroness with your recommendations.

Upcoming Events

(an attempt at period costume/garment is expected. If you don't have garb, inquire about Gold Key)

Due to COVID-19 All in person events and activities are cancelled until January 31, 2021. Please watch the Facebook page for virtual events and fun

To find out more information about the above events and many others happening throughout the Kingdom, go to http://www.antir.org/events/

Activities in the Barony of Stromgard – strictly virtual until May 10th

(period costume/garment is not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome)

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Due to Covid-19 meetings are being held virtually. Please watch the book of faces for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact*: John paul (Ronan Mac an Leagha)at Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com — 503-929-9435

Stromgard Fighter Practice — Thursdays at 7:00 pm at private residence – 5111 NE 125th St Vancouver 98686. *For questions or to* confirm *activity, contact*: stromgard.marshal@antir.org or https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/ for Armored fighting

Rapier Practice — First and third Saturdays of each month. Look for a facebook event for location and time. *For questions or to* confirm *activity, contact*: Chris Perkins stromgard.rapier@antir.org or https://www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/

Archery Practice — On Hiatus for the winter. *For questions or to* confirm *activity,* contact Feradach (Vern Myers) at stromgard.archery@antir.com or https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948

Thrown Weapons Practice — Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Orchards area. Contact Matthias von Schwarzenberg (Bud Clark) at harlenclark64@gmail.com or private message Bud Clark on Facebook for location address. Check on https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948/ for updates or to confirm activity.

Arts and Science Nights – Tentatively on First and Third Tuesdays – 6:00-9:00 PM
Opportunity to work on Arts and Science projects. Private residence – 10712 NE 44th Street, Vancouver, WA. *To confirm activity or ask any questions*, contact Helvi (Robin) at stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org

Fighter Workshop – Saturdays depending on events and James' scheduled – Please RSVP
Open shop designed to help get and keep fighters in armor
For questions and on-going schedule – https://www.facebook.com/groups/364327937033071

Stromgard Cookery – Fourth Wednesdays – 6:30-9:00 PM. Opportunity to learn and cook medieval foods. For location, questions or to confirm activity - https://www.facebook.com/groups/170931156876890

Music/Scribal night— First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 -9:00 PM . Private Residence - 5609 NE 42nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98661 *For questions or to confirm activity*, contact Khanzara (Jennifer) at 360-448-7409

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The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Youth and Family Actiivities Coordinator
- Demo Coordinator

Any currently filled office that you are interested in always need deputies.

If interested in an office, come to baronial council or talk to the seneschal

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